



2019–2022

Division of Laboratory Systems

# STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

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**U.S. Department of  
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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Division of Laboratory Systems (DLS) works to advance quality and safety systems, informatics and data science, and training and workforce development. Together, these efforts ensure that the nation’s 260,000 certified laboratories and their staff can reliably conduct patient sample testing and report those results, support the nation’s public health surveillance needs, and respond to public health emergencies. This strategic plan outlines the vision, mission, goals, objectives, and principles that will guide the work of DLS from 2019 until 2022.

DLS Guiding Principles

- **Innovation:** Champion creative solutions to improve clinical and public health laboratory medicine and practice.
- **Organizational Excellence:** Cultivate an employee-focused, goal-driven, and collaborative workforce.
- **Partnerships:** Strengthen public and private partnerships to support the role of the laboratory in clinical care and public health.
- **Communication:** Deliver clear, compelling, targeted, and timely messages using appropriate communication channels.
- **Scientific Leadership:** Foster an environment for high-quality and relevant standards, guidelines, research, and evaluations that maintain the highest possible standards of professional and scientific integrity.







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